Racine Symphony
ORCHESTRA

The RSO Family Album
In mid September, mailings were sent out to supporters of the Racine Symphony Orchestra. One was the annual Patron drive information, containing a letter, a beautiful flyer and envelope. The other was an attractive concert mailer sharing information on our next three concerts. This is not unusual for a nonprofit performing arts group to be sending out these two items at this time of year. For the RSO they both mean more this year. The concert mailer announced the 2009 – 2010 Season CONTINUES. Continues is the important word because, earlier this year we HOPED we would have these concerts. We know now we will HAVE these concerts.

Highlighting the RSO Family is the theme for this year's Patron drive. Several of our musicians have played with the RSO for over twenty-five years. A number of the musicians not only play with the RSO, but with groups such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra or the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra. Moreover, we have musicians who love to play, period. The RSO family is also made up of conductors, a dedicated Board of Directors, staff and volunteers making the organization strong and every concert sparkle.

The RSO family is not only important as an organization, but is important to the Greater Racine Area families. For 78 years, the RSO has put on high-quality concerts and educational programs unique for a city of our size. We have brought excellent symphonic music, classical, chamber and Pops, to Racine, providing countless hours of entertainment. However, the most important part of the RSO family is you! Let us know how important our family is to you by becoming a patron or joining us at a concert. Help the RSO to continue to recover, strengthen and perform.

The RSO Presents – A Study in Contrast
The season continues on Saturday, October 17, 7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church. *The RSO Presents* a Chamber concert with a twist. Enjoy pianist Fumi Nishikiori-Nakayama playing Polonaise No. 6 in A Major, "Heroique" by Polish composer Frédéric Chopin. The multi-talented The Spring City Winds will perform Trois Pieces Breves by Jacques Ibert; Gavotte with Six Doubles by Jean-Philippe Rameau and joining them for the Sextet by Francis Poulenc will be Fumi Nishikiori-Nakayama.

The Racine Chamber Jazz Sextet will present a program called "Too Marvelous for Words: A Centennial Tribute to the King of Swing, Benny Goodman, and America's Favorite Wordsmith, Johnny Mercer." Enjoy a generous sampling of the magic that Mercer created for soloists from Louis Armstrong and Bing Crosby to Frank Sinatra and Barry Manilow. Area musicians as well as world-renowned clarinetist, Mort Weiss, will join the group, co-led by Carthage English professor and pianist Sam Chell, along with Racine educator and guitarist Al Clausen. Supporting musicians will include (but not be restricted to) vocalist Donna Lee Reardon and tenor saxophonist Barry Woods, trumpeter Tom Meredith, bassist Mike Gudbaur, and drummer Tom Sorenson.

Join the musicians and staff for hot cider and Fall sweets at a Post Concert Fall Celebration from 9 – 10 pm in the church. A free will offering will be accepted.

The RSO and Their Audiences Give Back to the Community
At our **October 17** *RSO Presents* concert, we will collaborate with **Health Care Network**. We are asking our audience to look over their *Wish List* and bring to the concert unopened packages of the following: Over the Counter (OTC) antibiotic cream (triple antibiotic); OTC antifungal creams; nasal spray; sugar free cough medicine; any type of Robitussin; OTC Zyrtec, Claritin or Benadryl.

Home for the Holiday Pops Concert
The RSO will present its seasonal favorite, the Holiday Pops Concert, Friday, December 4, at Festival Hall, conducted by Andrew Massey. Choirs from local high schools join the orchestra again this year in a holiday tradition, which just keeps getting better. Invite your family and friends to enjoy classic holiday music. The concert begins at 7 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm. New this year is an option to purchase single table seats. If you would like to sit at a table but do not have tablemates, just reserve a seat and we will fill the remaining places with fellow music lovers.

Donate or Purchase Concert Tickets
Donations or ticket purchases can be made online at www.racinesymphony.org or by calling the RSO office at 636.9285.

Auditioning for the RSO
All position auditions for the RSO are scheduled a few times a year. Please refer to www.racinesymphony.org or contact Robb Seftar, Personnel Manager, 414.587.9829 or rsopm@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Board Directors Needed
Have you ever thought about joining a Board of Directors? For more information to join the RSO Board contact, Bonnie at 636.9285 or bonnie@racinesymphony.org